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THIRD BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONER

OF

Public Lands and Buildings

TO THE

GOVERNOR

OF THE

STATE OF NEBRASKA,

November 30th, 1882.

LINCOLN, NEB.:
JOURNAL COMPANY, STATE PRINTERS.
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REPORT.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS AND BUILDINGS,
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, November 30, 1882.

To his Excellency, Albinus Nance, Governor:

In compliance with section 22, article V, of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, I have the honor to submit herewith my biennial report of the business transacted in this office from December 1, 1880, to November 30, 1882, inclusive.

Also, reports of the several State institutions under the supervision of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings.

STATEMENT

Showing the number of acres of Common School Lands belonging to the State on the 30th day of November, 1880, in counties having complete records, and the numbers of acres deeded during the years 1881 and 1882; also the number of acres confirmed and deeded to the State and the number of acres belonging to the State November 30th, 1882.

COUNTIES.	No. of acres belonging to the State November 30, 1880.	No. of acres deeded during the years 1881 and 1882.	No. acres confirmed and deeded to State during years '81-'82.	No. of acres belonging to the State November 30, 1882.
Adams	19840 00	40 00	.....	19800 00
Antelope	31400 00	.....	.....	31400 00
Boone	23040 00	.....	.....	23040 00
Burt	16377 88	560 00	.....	15817 88
Buffalo	29660 59	120 00	.....	29540 59
Butler	21480 00	280 00	.....	21200 00
Cuming	19460 00	399 70	.....	19060 30
Colfax	14185 28	160 00	.....	14025 28
Clay	21040 00	80 00	.....	20960 00
Cass	15782 18	1530 00	.....	14252 18
Cedar	27499 14	86 00	.....	27413 14
Dakota	5989 14	30 00	.....	5959 14
Dawson	.....	.....	.....	37002 40
Dixon	15689 00	.....	.....	15689 00
Dodge	15648 83	240 00	.....	15408 83
Douglas	8204 72	171 00	.....	8033 72
Fillmore	20097 01	287 91	.....	19809 10
Franklin	20351 85	60 00	.....	20291 85
Furnas	24654 15	.....	.....	24654 15
Hamilton	20480 00	720 00	.....	19760 00
Hall	19595 26	279 50	.....	19315 76
Harlan	20423 93	20 00	.....	20403 93
Howard	23299 30	.....	.....	23299 30
Gage	21737 31	1167 50	.....	20569 81
Greeley	20555 20	.....	.....	20555 20
Jefferson	14419 53	116 84	.....	14302 69
Johnson	11781 00	554 17	.....	11226 83
Kearney	16830 70	.....	.....	16830 70
Knox	35727 92	80 00	.....	35647 92
Lancaster	27551 00	470 00	520 00	27601 00
Lincoln	.....	.....	.....	93332 70
Madison	24311 88	40 00	.....	24271 88
Merrick	14940 29	139 86	.....	14800 43
Nuckolls	20280 00	80 00	320 00	20520 00
Nemaha	10556 11	1595 00	.....	8961 11
Otoe	19546 88	1440 00	607 64	18714 52
Pawnee	18755 00	80 00	.....	18675 00
Pierce	19120 00	.....	.....	19120 00
Phelps	20247 85	.....	.....	20247 85
Platte	23924 98	360 00	.....	23564 98
Polk	16463 94	50 00	.....	16413 94
Red Willow	25574 01	.....	.....	25574 01
Richardson	7630 00	440 00	.....	7190 00
Saline	18184 00	460 00	.....	17724 00
Sarpy	6807 65	160 00	.....	6647 65
Saunders	25045 25	200 00	.....	24845 25
Seward	19000 00	805 00	80 00	18275 00
Sherman	20752 20	.....	.....	20752 20
Stanton	14730 00	.....	.....	14730 00
Thayer	19869 96	479 83	.....	19390 13
Valley	20484 00	120 00	.....	20364 00
Wayne	15360 00	160 00	.....	15200 00
Washington	12260 26	400 00	.....	11860 26
Webster	20440 00	1 00	.....	20439 00
York	20480 00	680 00	.....	19800 00
Total	1017565 18	15143 31	1527 64	1134284 61

STATEMENT

Showing by Counties the number of Acres of Common School Land estimated to be in those counties established but not organized, and in those counties organized but not having a complete record of their lands.

COUNTIES.	Acres.
Cheyenne	217053.20
Gosper	15360.00
Hitchcock	25600.00
Keith	72692.03
Frontier	35840.00
Holt	81920.00
Chase	30600.00
Dundy	15360.00
Custer	92160.00
Wheeler	20480.00
Hayes	25600.00
Sioux	126720.00
Total	759385.23

Estimated number of acres of common school lands in the unorganized territory of the State 527360.00

STATEMENT

Showing the number of acres of Common School Lands reverting to the State from November 30 to December 1, 1882.

COUNTIES.	Acres.
Adams	1000
Antelope	680
Boone	757.52
Buffalo	1320
Butler	2530
Burt	1080
Cass	624.60
Cedar	200
Clay	1040
Colfax	1860
Cuming	1980
Dakota	192.30
Dixon	170
Dodge	880
Douglas	596.80
Fillmore	1200
Franklin	320
Furnas	2260
Gage	110
Hall	956.40
Hamilton	2320
Harlan	60
Howard	480
Jefferson	2211.90
Johnson	886.83
Kearney	4160
Knox	160
Lancaster	1525
Lincoln	230
Madison	1160
Merrick	261.24
Nemaha	155
Nuckolls	1440
Otoe	490
Pawnee	210
Phelps	1120
Pierce	200
Platte	2797.10
Polk	760
Red Willow	1720.30
Richardson	360
Saline	1133
Saunders	1337.76
Seward	625
Sherman	1080
Stanton	40
Thayer	1234.95
Valley	40
Washington	520
Wayne	1880
Webster	3040
York	1120
Total	54 515.7

STATEMENT

Showing the number of acres of Common School Lands sold at public sale from November 30, 1880 to December 1, 1882.

COUNTIES.	Acres.	Amount of sale.	Amount paid.	Amount unpaid.
Cedar	1	7	7	.....
Dixon	270.74	2467.40	246.74	2220.66
Howard	360	2520	252	2268
Knox	1390	9880	1212	8668
Merrick	583.24	4169.16	416.90	3752.26
Polk	280	1960	196	1764
Stanton	40	280	56	224
Total	2924 98	21283.56	2386.64	18896.92

STATEMENT

Showing the number of acres of Common School Land sold at private sale from November 30th, 1880 to December 1st, 1882.

COUNTIES.	Acres.	Amount of sale.	Amount paid.	Amount unpaid.
Adams	160	$ 1120 00	$ 112 00	$ 1008 00
Buffalo	50	350 00	287 00	63 00
Butler	4360	30520 00	3072 00	27458 00
Burt	3330	23695 00	3491 00	19304 00
Cass	3080	26880 00	2688 00	24192 00
Cedar	40	280 00	28 00	252 00
Clay	1240	8760 00	876 00	7884 00
Colfax	1040	8962 00	1400 20	7561 80
Cuming	4304.10	30128 70	4162 00	25965 70
Dodge	2694.30	18940 10	1896 01	17044 09
Douglas	1300	10880 00	1523 50	9356 50
Fillmore	1080	8120 00	1460 00	6660 00
Furnas	10	70 00	35 00	35 00
Franklin	520	3760 00	376 00	3384 00
Gage	5906.31	43273 67	7473 97	35799 70
Greeley	160	1120 00	112 00	1008 00
Hall	640	4480 00	448 00	4032 00
Hamilton	4994	34958 00	5507 80	29450 20
Harlan	110	770 00	305 00	465 00
Howard	80	590 00	59 00	531 00
Jefferson	638.04	4530 65	1016 65	3514 00
Johnson	2637	19632 00	2639 50	16992 50
Kearney	320	2240 00	345 00	1895 00
Knox	240	1680 00	168 00	1512 00
Lancaster	6330	45152 00	5180 20	39971 80
Madison	680	4760 00	476 00	4284 00
Merrick	400	2800 00	784 00	2016 00
Nemaha	2079.03	19362 80	3543 78	15819 02
Nuckolls	1300	9100 00	910 00	8190 00
Otoe	4088	30871 00	8241 00	22630 00
Pawnee	2748.10	19498 70	2777 87	16720 83
Phelps	160	1120 00	112 00	1008 00
Pierce	80	600 00	128 00	472 00
Platte	760	5360 00	2804 00	2556 00
Polk	1120	8520 00	852 00	7668 00
Richardson	360	5270 00	527 00	4743 00
Saline	1720	12940 00	1597 00	11343 00
Sarpy	2820.25	21363 75	3670 75	17693 00
Saunders	4320	30728 00	3072 80	27655 20
Seward	2655	18819 00	2267 90	16551 10
Thayer	591 75	4142 25	1926 23	2216 02
Valley	80	560 00	560 00	.....
Washington	1240	9575 00	1195 50	8379 50
Wayne	960	6820 00	1186 00	5634 00
Webster	240	1680 00	168 00	1512 00
York	3760	27020 00	6966 00	23054 00
Total	77425.88	$571802 62	$86307 80	$485494 82

STATEMENT

Showing the number of acres of Common School Lands leased from November 30, 1880 to December 1, 1882.

COUNTIES.	Acres.
Adams	4180
Antelope	4360
Boone	7440
Buffalo	8000
Butler	9040
Burt	5240
Cass	620
Cedar	10679
Clay	1500
Colfax	4960
Cuming	8190
Dakota	2527
Dawson	12789.70
Dixon	7310
Dodge	2072.48
Douglas	838.65
Fillmore	1640
Franklin	2961.90
Furnas	7925
Gage	93
Greeley	2560
Hall	2526.50
Hamilton	3400
Harlan	1040
Howard	3160
Jefferson	6308.60
Johnson	2610
Kearney	8843.92
Knox	3160
Lancaster	2450
Lincoln	3761.50
Madison	11530
Merrick	2237.40
Nemaha	315
Nuckolls	1640
Otoe	1401.25
Pawnee	280
Phelps	5560
Pierce	3120
Platte	11346.90
Polk	4209.50
Red Willow	5775.69
Richardson	480
Saline	2760
Sarpy	110
Saunders	3381.10
Seward	3720
Sherman	7043.30
Stanton	6010
Thayer	2084.95
Valley	10964.30
Washington	1495.95
Wayne	13700
Webster	6540
York	1920
Total	249912.59

RECAPITULATION.—Common School Lands.

Number of acres of common school land belonging to the State on the 1st day of December, 1880	2434645.51
Number of acres deeded by the State from November 30, 1880 to December 1st, 1882	15143.31
Number of acres deeded to the State under act of February 15, 1877	920.00
Number of acres confirmed to the State by general land office	607.64
Number of acres sold at public sale from November 30, 1880, to December 1, 1882	2924.98
Number of acres sold at private from November 30, 1880 to December 1, 1882	77425.88
Number of acres leased from November 30, 1880 to December 1, 1882	249912.59
Number of acres reverting to the State from November 30, 1880 to December 1, 1882	54515.70
Number of acres owned by the State December 1, 1882	2421029.84

Note.—The number of acres reported as owned by the State includes all lands sold on time and under lease.

STATEMENT.

Showing Common School Lands under sale and lease delinquent for more than one year.

COUNTIES.	Interest on sales delinquent.	Rental on lease delinquent.	Total amount int. and rental delinq't to Jan. 1,'83.
Adams	$.....	$5821 90	$5821 90
Antelope	.....	54 00	54 00
Boone	66 42	1240 50	1306 92
Buffalo	12642 07	1921 20	14563 27
Burt	251 08	596 20	847 28
Butler	774 90	2281 55	3056 45
Cass	906 11	252 00	1158 11
Cedar	187 08	273 60	460 68
Clay	516 24	4252 61	4768 85
Colfax	112 80	1106 65	1219 45
Cuming	524 00	1297 11	1821 11
Dawson	.....	211 72	211 72
Dixon	402 08	25 20	427 28
Dodge	948 09	123 20	1071 29
Douglas	1089 66	1190 24	2279 90
Fillmore	123 14	2363 60	2486 74
Franklin	.....	531 60	531 60
Furnas	.....	1331 72	1331 72
Gage	294 01	474 68	768 69
Greeley	.....	88 23	88 23
Hall	436 32	2120 63	2556 95
Hamilton	.....	3072 84	3072 84
Harlan	13 46	785 30	798 76
Howard	280 82	236 80	517 62
Jefferson	.....	1630 27	1630 27
Johnson	377 94	680 27	1058 21
Kearney	.....	1126 80	1126 80
Knox	82 08	.....	82 08
Lancaster	1480 17	1762 00	3242 17
Madison	72 00	440 60	512 60
Merrick	1533 98	67 20	1601 18
Nemaha	641 23	210 08	851 31
Nuckolls	.....	1072 62	1072 62
Otoe	1122 68	1125 60	2248 28
Pawnee	242 62	819 76	1062 38
Phelps	.....	716 90	716 90
Platte	386 52	810 02	1196 54
Polk	121 15	790 00	911 15
Red Willow	.....	524 00	524 00
Richardson	126 36	.....	126 36
Saline	241 92	1738 80	1980 72
Sarpy	.....	27 00	27 00
Saunders	2638 38	1400 80	4039 18
Seward	543 81	1403 00	1946 81
Sherman	.....	73 50	73 50
Stanton	440 88	331 20	772 08
Thayer	.....	2259 09	2259 09
Valley	.....	65 40	65 40
Washington	667 00	282 80	949 80
Wayne	.....	486 60	486 60
Webster	60 48	2136 70	2197 18
York	125 28	1216 40	1341 68
Total	$ 30472 76	$ 54850 49	$ 85323 25

STATEMENT

Showing the number of acres of University Land belonging to the State on the 30th day of November, 1882.

COUNTIES.	No. of Acres belonging to the State, Nov. 30, 1880, and Nov. 30, 1882.
Antelope	1280.00
Cedar	1600.00
Dakota	320.00
Dixon	640.00
Holt	8322.10
Knox	4800.00
Madison	2240.00
Nuckolls	4916.68
Pierce	3197.67
Webster	17723.48
Total	45039.93

STATEMENT

Showing the number of acres of University Lands sold at public sale from November 30th, 1880 to December 1st, 1882.

COUNTIES.	Acres.	Amount of sale.	Amount paid.	Amount unpaid.
Knox	1920	$13440 00	$1344 00	$12096 00

STATEMENT

Showing the number of acres of University Lands sold at private sale from November 30th, 1880 to December 1st, 1882.

COUNTIES.	Acres.	Amount of sale.	Amount paid.	Amount unpaid.
Nuckolls	120	$ 840 00	$ 84 00	$ 756 00
Pierce	80	600 00	60 00	540 00
Webster	238.53	1909 71	190 97	1718 74
Total	438.53	$3340 71	$334 97	$3014 74

STATEMENT

Showing the number of acres of University Lands leased from November 30, 1880, to December 1, 1882.

COUNTIES.	Acres.
Cedar	960
Dixon	320
Knox	640
Madison	560
Nuckolls	320
Pierce	560
Webster	2668.33
Total	6024 33

STATEMENT

Showing the number of acres of University Lands reverting to the State from November 30, 1880 to December 1, 1882.

COUNTIES.	Acres.
Nuckolls	80
Webster	1298.93
Total	1378.93

STATEMENT

Showing University Lands under sale and lease delinquent for more than one year.

COUNTIES.	Interest on sales delinquent.	Rental on leases delinquent.	Total amount interest and rental delinquent.
Madison	.....	$ 67 00	$ 67 00
Nuckolls	105 84	956 44	1062 28
Webster	139 44	1228 40	1367 84
Total	$245 28	$2251 84	$2497 12

RECAPITULATION—UNIVERSITY LANDS.

Number of acres belonging to the State December 1, 1880	45039.93
Number of acres sold at Public Sale from November 30, 1880 to December 1, 1882	1920.00
Number of acres sold at Private Sale from November 30, 1880 to December 1, 1882	438.53
Number of acres leased from November 30, 1880 to December 1, 1882	6024.33
Number of acres owned by the State December 1, 1882	45039.93

NOTE.—The number of acres reported as owned by the State includes all lands sold on time and under lease.

STATEMENT

Showing the number of acres of Agricultural Lands belonging to the State, November 30, 1882.

COUNTIES	Acres.
Knox	33490.64
Cedar	27677.96
Wayne	15648.98
Pierce	7835.20
Dakota	640
Stanton	320
Burt	640
Dixon	2240
Cuming	960
Total	89452.78

STATEMENT

Showing the number of acres of Agricultural College Lands sold at Public Sale from November 30th, 1880 to December 1st, 1882.

COUNTIES.	Acres.	Amount of Sale.	Am'nt paid.	Amount unpaid.
Cedar	272.32	$ 2100 32	$ 210 04	$ 1890 28
Dixon	790.82	6352 65	635 26	5717 39
Wayne	2654.47	24189 23	2418 92	21770 31
Total	3717.61	$32642 20	$3264 22	$29377 98

STATEMENT

Showing the number of acres of Agricultural College Lands sold at Private Sale from November 30th, 1880 to December 1st, 1882.

COUNTIES.	Acres.	Amount of sale.	Amount paid.	Amount unpaid.
Wayne	160	1120 00	112 00	$1008 00

STATEMENT

Showing the number of acres of Agricultural College Lands leased from November 30th, 1880 to December 1st, 1882.

COUNTIES.	Acres.
Cedar	1720
Cuming	1000
Burt	640
Dixon	840
Pierce	1040.87
Wayne	12281.91
Total	17522.78

STATEMENT

Showing Agricultural Lands under sale and lease delinquent for more than one year.

COUNTIES.	Interest on sales delinquent.	Rental on leases delinquent.	Total amount interest and rental delinquent.
Cuming		$87 60	$87 60

RECAPITULATION.—Agricultural College Lands.

Number of acres belonging to the State November 30th, 1880	89452.78
Number of acres sold at public sale from November 30th, 1880 to December 1st, 1882	3717.61
Number of acres sold at private sale from November 30th, 1880 to December 1st, 1882	160
Number of acres leased from November 30th, 1880 to December 1st, 1882	17522.78
Number of acres owned by the State December 1st, 1882	89452.78

Note.—The number of acres reported as owned by the State includes all lands sold on time and under lease.

STATEMENT

Showing the number of acres of Normal School Lands leased from November 30, 1880 to December 1, 1882.

COUNTIES.	Acres.
Lancaster	1240

STATEMENT

Showing the number of acres of Normal School Lands sold at private sale from November 30, 1880 to December 1, 1882.

COUNTIES.	Acres.	Amount of sale.	Amount paid.	Amount unpaid.
Lancaster	2040	$14333 33	$1433 33	$12900 00

STATEMENT

Showing the number of acres of Normal School Lands reverting to the State from November 30, to December 1, 1882.

COUNTIES.	Acres.
Lancaster	880.

STATEMENT.

Showing Normal School Lands under Sale and Lease delinquent for more than one year.

COUNTIES.	Interest on sales delinquent.	Rental on leases delinquent.	Total am'nt interest and rental delinquent.
Lancaster	$4206 08	$869 95	$5076 03

RECAPITULATION—NORMAL SCHOOL LANDS.

Number of acres of Normal School Land belonging to the State Nov. 30, 1880	....	12722.39
Number of acres leased to November 30, 1880	8322.39	
Number of acres sold at public sale to November 30, 1880	1520.00	
Number of acres sold at private sale to November 30, 1880	480.00	
Number of acres leased from November 30, 1880 to December 1, 1882	1240.00	
Number of acres sold at private sale from Nov. 30, 1880 to Dec. 1, 1882	2040.00	
	13602.39	
Number of acres reverting to State from November 30, 1880	880.00	
Acres belonging to the State December 1, 1882	12722.39	12722.39

RECAPITULATION—OF DELINQUENT LANDS.

CLASS.	SALES.	LEASES.	TOTAL.
Common School	$30472 76	$54850 49	$85323 25
Agricultural College		87 60	87 60
University	245 28	2251 84	2497 12
Normal	4206 08	869 95	5076 03
Grand Total	$34924 12	$58059 88	$92984 00

GRAND TOTAL

Permanent School Fund, November 30, 1882.

Face value of securities in hands of Attorney General for collection	$ 7000 00
Cash on hand as per Treasurer's report	135208 87
Interest bearing bonds as per Treasurer's report	648867 35
Interest bearing notes for unpaid principal on school land sales, including ledger No. 3715	1529316 21
Total	$2320392 43

STATEMENT

Showing the investment of funds derived from the sale of lands set apart for educational purposes, ordered by the Board of Educational Lands and Funds, as provided in section 31 of an act of the Legislature, entitled "An act to provide for the registry, sale, leasing and general management of all lands and funds, etc," approved February 19, 1877, from December 1, 1880 to November 30, 1882, inclusive.

	KIND OF BONDS.	Perman't School fund.	Normal Endow'nt fund.	Perman't University fund.
$ 1000	Valley County 7 per cent. bonds at 97 cents		970 00	
3500	Valley County 7 per cent. bonds at 97 cents			$3395 00
15000	Kearney County 7 per cent. bonds at par	$15000 00		
20000	Cheyenne County 6 per cent. bonds at par	20000 00		
2000	Valley County 7 per cent. bonds at 97 cents	1940 00		
29000	Greeley County 7 per cent. bonds at par	29000 00		
8300	Dawson County 10 per cent. bonds at par	8300 00		
$78800	Total	$74240 00	$970 00	$3395 00

Face value of bonds, $78800; amount paid for bonds, $78605.

STATEMENT

Of lots in Lincoln remaining unsold.

No. of lot	No. of block	No. of lot	No. of block	No. of lot	No. of block	No. of lot	No. of block	No. of lot	No. of block	No. of lot	No. of block	No. of lot	No. of block	No. of lot	No. of block	No. of lot	No. of block	No. of lot	No. of block	No. of lot	No. of block
7	8	8	47	11	135	3	167	10	173	6	195	5	228	3	233	14	260	1	277	5	280
8	8	9	47	12	135	6	167	11	173	9	196	7	228	7	233	15	260	2	277	6	280
15	31	10	47	5	136	7	167	12	173	7	197	8	228	8	233	18	260	3	277	1	281
19	31	11	47	6	136	9	167	7	174	8	197	10	228	9	233	3	267	4	277	2	281
12	32	12	47	8	136	12	167	8	174	8	203	11	228	12	233	4	267	5	277	5	281
1	46	13	47	9	136	4	168	9	174	9	203	4	229	7	239	5	267	6	277	6	281
2	46	14	47	2	137	5	168	3	179	10	203	5	229	8	239	6	267	7	277	1	283
3	46	15	47	3	137	7	168	6	179	11	203	6	229	9	248	7	267	8	277	2	283
4	46	16	47	8	137	8	168	5	183	11	205	8	229	1	251	8	267	9	277	3	283
5	46	17	47	9	137	9	168	4	185	12	205	9	229	2	251	9	267	10	277	4	283
6	46	18	47	10	137	10	168	6	187	6	211	10	229	3	251	10	267	11	277	5	283
7	46	11	48	11	137	11	168	5	189	2	215	11	229	4	251	11	267	12	277	6	283
8	46	13	49	12	137	10	169	6	189	10	218	12	229	5	251	4	270	2	278	3	284
9	46	6	50	6	139	11	169	11	189	11	220	1	231	6	251	5	270	3	278	4	284
10	46	12	50	7	139	12	169	12	189	7	221	2	231	7	251	6	270	4	278	5	284
11	46	8	72	8	139	6	170	1	193	2	222	3	231	8	251	4	272	5	278	6	284
12	46	6	75	9	139	7	170	2	193	6	222	5	231	6	251	1	276	6	278	1	286
13	46	1	78	10	139	8	170	7	193	7	224	6	221	10	251	2	276	7	278	2	286
14	46	2	78	11	139	10	170	8	193	8	224	7	231	11	251	3	276	8	278	3	286
15	46	7	78	12	139	11	170	9	193	9	224	8	231	12	251	4	276	12	278	4	286
16	46	8	78	2	140	1	171	10	193	2	225	9	231	13	251	5	276	5	279	5	286
17	46	10	78	4	140	9	171	12	193	5	225	10	231	14	251	6	276	10	279	6	286
18	46	11	78	5	140	1	173	7	194	6	225	11	231	15	251	7	276	11	279	1	287
3	47	11	125	6	140	2	173	1	195	7	225	1	232	16	251	8	276	12	279	2	287
4	47	1	135	8	145	3	173	2	195	8	225	2	232	17	251	9	276	1	280	3	287
5	47	2	135	10	161	4	173	3	195	10	225	3	232	18	251	10	276	2	280	4	287
6	47	3	135	1	167	5	173	4	195	12	225	1	233	7	260	11	276	3	280	5	287
7	47	9	135	2	167	6	173	5	195	3	228	2	233	13	260	12	276	4	280	6	287

GRAND RECAPITULATION OF LANDS.

CLASS.	No. of acres of all lands leased during the years 1881 and 1882.	No. of acres of all lands sold at public sale during the years 1881 and 1882.	No. of acres of all lands sold at private sale during the years 1881 and 1882.	No. of acres of all lands reverted to the State during the years 1881 and 1882.	No. of acres of all lands deeded by the State during the years 1881 and 1882.	No. of acres of all lands confirmed and deeded to the State during the years 1881 and 1882.	No. of acres of all lands owned by the State December 1st, 1882.
Common School	249912.59						
Agricultural College	17522.78						
University	6024.33						
Normal	1240						
Common School		2924.98					
Agricultural College		3717.61					
University		1920					
Common School			77425.88				
Agricultural College			160				
University			438.53				
Normal			2040				
Common School				54515.70			
University				1378.93			
Normal				880			
Common School					15143.31		
Common School						1527.64	
Common School							2421029.84
Agricultural College							89452.78
University							45039.93
Normal							12722.39
Saline							13285
Penitentiary							676.71
Int. Improvement							160
Total	274699.70	8562.59	80064.41	56774.63	15143.31	1527.64	2582366.65

STATEMENT

Showing the balance of appropriations as made by the fifteenth session of the Legislature of the State of Nebraska for the years 1879, 1880, and the first quarter of 1881, for the office of Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings, to what purpose appropriated, and the amounts expended and the amounts unexpended.

APPROPRIATION.	Balance Nov. 30, 1880.	Amount expend'd	Am't unexpend'd Nov. 30. 1992.
Salary Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings	$1000 00	$1000 00	
Salary of Deputy	600 00	600 00	
Salary of Book-keeper	500 00	500 00	
Books and Stationery	332 30	264 08	$68 22
Postage, etc.	68 08	68 08	
Express and telegraph	63 30	63 30	
Office furniture	61 69	60 50	1 19
Traveling expenses	50 00	50 00	
Totals	$2675 37	$2605 96	$69 41

STATEMENT

Showing the appropriations as made by the sixteenth session of the Legislature of the State of Nebraska for the years 1881, 1882, and first quarter of 1883, for the office of Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings, to what purpose appropriated, and the amounts expended and the amounts unexpended to and including November 30, 1882.

APPROPRIATION.	Amount appropriated.	Amount expend'd	Am't unexpend'd Nov. 30, 1882.
Salary of Commissioner	$4000 00	$3000 00	$1000 00
Salary of Deputy	3000 00	2250 00	750 00
Salary of Chief Clerk	2400 00	1800 00	600 00
Salary of Clerk	2000 00	1500 00	500 00
Salary of Clerk	1600 00	1200 00	400 00
Books and stationery	500 00	399 85	100 15
Postage, etc.	600 00	525 00	75 00
Express and telegraph	100 00	91 50	8 50
Traveling expenses	400 00	350 00	50 00
Office expenses	100 00	74 25	25 75
Furniture	400 00	400 00	
Totals	$15100 00	$11590 60	$3509 40

STATEMENT

Showing business done for two years ending November 30, 1882; interest and rental delinquent for more than one year; acres owned by the State, and amount of permanent Educational Funds, November 30, 1882.

CLASS OF LANDS.	Acres leased 2 years, ending Nov. 30, 1882.	Acres sold at public sale 2 years, ending Nov. 30, 1882.	Acres sold at private sale 2 years, ending Nov. 30, 1882.	Am't sold for.	Amount paid.	Amo'nt unpaid.	Int. and rental deling'nt for more than one year.	Acres reverting to State two years, ending Nov. 30, 1882.	Acres deeded by the State two years, ending Nov. 30, 1882.	Acres confirmed to the State 2 y'rs ending Nov. 30, 1882.	Acres owned by State, Nov. 30, 1882.	Am't perman'nt Ed. Funds, including notes given for unpaid prin. on sch. l'nds sold Nov. 30, 1882.
Common School	249912.59	2924.98	77425.88	$593086 18	$ 88694 44	$504391 74	$85323 25	54515.70	15143.31	1527.64	2421029.84	$2261995 71
University	6024.33	1920	438.53	16789 71	1678 97	15110 74	2497 12	1378.93	.....	.....	45039.93	50755 01
Normal	1240	.....	2040	14333 33	1433 33	12900 00	5076 03	880.00	.....	.....	12722.39	16308 35
Agricultural College	17522.78	3717.61	160	33762 20	3376 22	30385 98	87 60	.....	.....	.....	89452.78	.....
Penitentiary	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	676.71	.....
Int. Improvement	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	160.00	.....
Saline	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13285.00	.....
Total	274699.70	8562.59	80064.41	$657971 42	$95182 96	$562788 46	$92984 00	56774.63	15143.31	1527.64	2582366.65	$2329059 07

NEEDED LEGISLATION.

Your attention is called to the tables in this report, showing educational lands under sale and lease upon which interest and rental are delinquent and unpaid for more than one year, amounting, in the aggregate, to ninety-two thousand nine hundred and eighty-four dollars, being an increase of delinquency over the amount reported November 30th, 1880, of thirteen thousand nine hundred fifty dollars and forty-four cents. This, in view of the prosperous seasons of 1881 and 1882, can, in my opinion be accounted for only in this way:

Every act, amendatory and supplemental to the school land laws, passed since the organization of this Department has been so framed that purchasers and lessees have acquired all the privileges desired by them, and the interests of the State have been ignored. The State has been legislated into court to contend for the title to its own lands against many irresponsible purchasers and lessees who have acquired an interest in school lands largely for the purpose of speculation, failing in which, payments due the state are refused.

In my opinion, the present law on the forfeiture of contracts should be so amended that after contractors shall have continued in default of payments for a reasonable time, notice of their delinquency may be served on them, and upon their failure, (after reasonable notice), to make payments due the State, the Board of Educational Lands and Funds should cancel such contracts and again put the lands into the market, the same as though such contracts had never been made, and thereby save the trouble and expense of a delayed suit at law.

OTOE AND PAWNEE RESERVATIONS.

Pursuant to the letter of the Honorable Commissioner of the General Land Office directed to you, and under date of Decem-

ber 9th, 1880, wherein the State's claim for indemnity school lands in lieu of sections sixteen and thirty-six, within the Otoe and Pawnee Reservations which had been disposed of by the General Government, was conceded and allowed, the Attorney General and myself, acting under orders of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds, did, on the 14th day of October, 1881, select, in lieu of a portion of the double minimum lands within said reservations, lands aggregating 11,944.6 acres, a list of which was filed in the local Land Office at North Platte, Nebraska; but at this date, no report has been received of action, by the Honorable Commissioner of the General Land Office, thereon. The present dilatory manner of the General Government in the settlement of claims of this character convinces me that claims of this nature should have a personal representative at the Department in Washington for the reason that the official life of any one Executive of the State Land Department is not long enough to procure the settlement of these questions by correspondence.

LANDS DEEDED TO THE STATE UNDER ACT OF FEBRUARY 15TH, 1877.

Under the act entitled, "An act to provide for the foreclosure and collection of the Securities held by the Permanent School Fund of Nebraska," approved February 15th, 1877, (section 9, page 487 of the Revised Statutes of 1881), there have been transferred to this office, abstracts of title and deeds of conveyance for the following described lands, to-wit:

East half of section 6, township 9, range 5 east,

Northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 4, township 9, range 6 east,

North half of the northeast quarter of section 12, township 9, range 4 east,

South half of section 12, township 4, range 5 west,

Southeast quarter of section 26, township 7, range 5 east.

Containing in the aggregate nine hundred and twenty acres. Said deeds have been duly recorded in the several counties wherein the lands lie, and the lands credited to the common school land account.

INDEMNITY LANDS.

During the period covered by this report there has been confirmed to the state the selection of the south half of section 19, township 7, range 12 east, and the south half of section 21, township 7, range 12 east, in Otoe county, Nebraska, containing in the aggregate six hundred and seven and sixty-four-one-hundredths acres, selected by state authority, June 21st, 1868, and confirmed to the state under date of August 17th, 1882.

With the view of arriving at some definite conclusion whereby the indemnity school lands due the state may be selected and confirmation to the state be secured I would respectfully call your attention to an extract from a letter from the Honorable Commissioner of the General Land Office to my predecessor, under date of July 8th, 1880, which is as follows:

"With the view of satisfying the state for the indemnity still due it for deficiencies in sections 16 and 36 outside of Indian Reservations, I would suggest that you carefully examine and make up a list of the deficiences occurring in each of said sections, as shown by your records, giving credit against each section for the indemnity which may have been selected and approved, and transmit the same to this office for comparison with its records. When this shall have been done and the two records made to agree as to the basis of further selection, it will expedite, and save from further complication, the adjustment of said grant. Unless such a course is taken a satisfactory settlement of said grant cannot be arrived at."

By referring to the printed report of my predecessor, page 30, it will be found that there is still due the state, of the class of lands referred to by the Honorable Commissioner, over eight

thousand acres. From the very imperfect data in this office it is impossible to arrange the lists required by the Honorable Commissioner, but a visit to all the land offices in the state, where access can be had to the plats and records affecting sections sixteen and thirty-six in each township, is absolutely necessary, and the force of this Department will not admit of a detail sufficient to do the work required.

In view of the facts that the state is fast being settled, and that the government lands are fast being peopled in the frontier counties, and the further fact that the state has a valuable interest in its yet unconfirmed school land grant, I respectfully recommend that the Legislature make the necessary appropriation, and that the Board of Educational Lands and Funds may be enabled to secure the data and lists required by the Honorable Commissioner of the General Land Office, to the end that the claims of the state in this behalf may be finally adjusted by the General Government.

PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND LOANS.

I am directed by the Board of Educational Lands and Funds, to report the following proposition and resolution in my biennial report:

PROPOSITION.

MAY 15TH, 1882.

To the Honorable Board of Educational Lands and Funds:

GENTS: I propose to pay, on or before November 30th, 1882, or at such time as the Board of Educational Lands and Funds may direct, the sum of $2,300.00 for a deed to the piece of land containing 23 acres situated in Otoe county, adjoining Nebraska City, formerly mortgaged by me to the Permanent School Fund. The state to make a deed to me or any assigns and to satisfy the judgment held against me for a remainder on said mortgage. If accepted, please notify me so that I may make my arrangements.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) WM. FULTON.

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, The State of Nebraska did, on the 1st day of January, 1871, loan from the Permanent School Fund of the State, to Wm. Fulton, of Otoe county, Nebraska, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, taking as security therefor, for the benefit of said fund, a mortgage upon 23 acres of land adjoining the corporate limits of Nebraska City, Nebraska, and,

WHEREAS, Default was made in the payment of said principal amount so loaned, and the interest thereon due said fund, and afterwards, to-wit: at the April, 1879, term of district court of Otoe county, a judgment was taken in favor of the state and against said Fulton for the sum of four thousand one hundred forty-three and eighty-eight hundredths dollars, and the mortgaged premises ordered sold for the benefit of said Permanent School Fund. The said premises being, on the 25th day of February, 1880, bought in by the state, for the benefit of said school fund, for the sum of sixteen hundred dollars, which said sum was so applied as a credit upon the judgment so as aforesaid obtained, and personal judgment taken against said Fulton for the remainder, to-wit: two thousand, five hundred forty-three and eighty-eight hundredths dollars, and,

WHEREAS, It is proposed by said Wm. Fulton that if the state of Nebraska will cancel and set aside the personal judgment so as above mentioned and will give him or his assigns a deed to said 23 acres of land, he will, on or before the 30th day of November, 1882, or at such other time as the Board of Educational Lands and Funds may direct, pay, for the benefit of said fund, the sum of two thousand three hundred dollars, and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Educational Lands and Funds, after due consideration do believe the offer of said Fulton is for the best interests of the state and the fund aforesaid, but find themselves unable to act in the premises, therefore,

It is ordered, That the proposition of said Fulton be spread upon the records, and it and this resolution be submitted by the

Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings, to the next Legislature with a recommendation that they take such action as may be necessary to carry the proposition of said Fulton into effect.

Approved June 13th, 1882.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, I respectfully recommend that such action be taken by the Legislature as will authorize the Board of Educational Lands and Funds to accept the proposition of Wm. Fulton, as appears above.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT LANDS.

Of this grant there was on hand November 30th, 1880, the north half of section 21, township 4, range 1 west, and the northeast quarter of section 21, township 3, range 6 west, containing 480 acres.

On January 3d, 1882, the Board of Public Lands and Buildings ordered the north half of section 21, township 4, range 1 west, deeded to the Midland Pacific Railroad Company to correct an error in the deed made by said company, July 19th, 1871. This leaves on hand the northeast quarter of section 21, township 3, range 6 west, one hundred sixty acres, which, (renewing the recommendation of my predecessor) I would respectfully recommend be transferred to the school lands of the state.

GAS FIXTURES.

I am directed by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings to call your attention to the appropriation made at the last regular session of the Legislature for carpeting the west wing of the new Capitol building. The amount appropriated was two thousand four hundred dollars, the amount actually used was one thousand seven hundred forty-five dollars and five cents, leaving a balance of six hundred fifty-four dollars and ninety-five cents, which, by

order of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, was used in procuring gas fixtures necessary to the occupancy of said west wing and for which the Legislature (inadvertently it is presumed), had failed to make provision.

SEWERAGE.

I desire to call your attention to the present unfavorable condition of the Capitol building regarding sewerage.

Upon the completion of the west wing of the Capitol building, and before its occupancy, it became evident that some temporary system of sewerage must be adopted in order that the boiler used for heating the building might be occasionally blown out and cleaned, and water closets kept in order for use. The architect of the building, Mr. Wilcox, was consulted and his views adopted. The result was, a temporary sewer was laid through the corridor in the basement of the west wing and under the walls of the building to a cesspool within the grounds. A well was sunk in the engine room where an abundant supply of water was found, which is elevated by a steam pump to an iron tank in the attic, from which a connection was made with the system of water pipes in the building, the several waste pipes being connected with the temporary sewer running to the cesspool. This arrangement has been satisfactory to the present time; but an examination shows the cesspool to be rapidly filling up, and the consequent necessity for a better system of sewerage before an irreparable injury is done the Capitol building.

I am unofficially informed that the city of Lincoln is contemplating the construction of a system of sewerage, under plans to be prepared by the City Council and Engineer. And as an independent system for the Capitol building alone, in view of this contemplated action of the city authorities, might result in much injury to the service and might be enjoined altogether, I think it best that the state should co-operate with the city in this behalf and respectfully recommend an appropriation by the Legislature

for this purpose. The amount to be determined when plans for such work can be submitted to the proper Committee for their inspection.

HOME FOR THE FRIENDLESS.

The Legislature of 1881, provided for the location of a Home for the Friendless at such town or city in Nebraska as should, after notice by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, "donate the largest amount to said Home."

Under notice duly published, the city of Lincoln was the only bidder, and its proposition to donate two thousand and fifty dollars, to said home was accepted by said board, and by an order of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings the said home for the friendless was located at Lincoln, Nebraska.

A tract of improved land, with buildings thereon, comprising two and eighty-three-one-hundredths acres, at the south end of Eleventh street, adjoining the city of Lincoln, was purchased for the sum of two thousand one hundred dollars, and on the 24th day of August, 1882, the contract for the erection of said home was let, for the sum of three thousand five hundred ninety-nine dollars and seventy-seven cents, the Society of the Home for the Friendless agreeing to pay such cost over the amount appropriated.

The building, although not entirely completed at present, will soon be turned over to said society, as contemplated by the act providing for its location.

CAPITOL BUILDING.

Since the last report from this Department, the west wing of the Capitol building has been completed and has been occupied by some of the Executive Departments since November, 1881.

Pursuant to the act of March 1st, 1881, making appropriation for the east wing of the Capitol building, the Board of Public

Lands and Buildings proceeded to act. Mr. William H. Wilcox, architect of plans for the west wing, accepted the proviso contained in section one of said act, and furnished plans with all details, specifications and working detailed drawings, necessary for the construction of said east wing.

After due advertisement, as provided in section four of said act, the Board did, on the 13th day of July, 1881, award contract to W. H. B. Stout, for the sum of ninety-six thousand eight hundred dollars. The construction of the building has progressed rapidly and it is almost completed, and will be prepared for occupancy at once, after final settlement with the contractor.

The occupancy of the west wing and old Capitol building during the last winter has caused a deficiency in the appropriation "for fuel and lights," also for "care of Capitol building and grounds," the exact amount of which cannot be determined, for it includes cost of "fuel and lights," from November 1st, 1882 to March 31st, 1883, and is estimated at $2150. The deficiency on account of "care of Capitol building and grounds," is about $150.00.

STATE PENITENTIARY.

Your attention is respectfully called to the report of the Warden of the State Penitentiary herewith submitted, and especially to the recommendations therein contained. It is noticeable to the casual observer, and more particularly brought to the notice of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, that the contract system now in force, whereby the lessee of the Penitentiary is compelled to pay all running expenses, has led, on the part of the State, to the very bad precedent of abandoning or refusing to make many necessary permanent repairs and improvements. Especially is this the case regarding the water supply of said prison. That the water supply is not sufficient, and not in condition for immediate use in case of fire, cannot be chargeable to the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, but to the Legislature,

from whom the remedy and the money necessary to institute it, must come. Surely the officers of the Institution have done their whole duty in the premises, when they have repeatedly called attention to existing facts, and made, what to them, seemed proper recommendations.

The location of the Penitentiary alone, (on low ground) is, of itself, a demand that there should be a bountiful supply of water and a perfect system of sewerage in connection with it.

HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

Your attention is respectfully called to the report of the Superintendent of the Nebraska Hospital for the Insane and the recommendations therein made. I especially desire to bring to your notice the law relating to the keeping of insane persons, and the manner in which it provides for the payment of the same by the several counties, with the view of having legislative attention called to the subject. There is now due this fund from the several counties $110,844.03. An examination of the list of delinquent counties compared with those that have paid promptly, under the law, will develop the fact that a few of the smaller counties in the state have built the additions that have been made to the hospital building for several years, while the older and larger counties have furnished the most of the inmates, but have ignored the law altogether and contributed little or nothing toward the numerous additions made to the building for the accommodation of patients. A spirit of justice demands that all appropriations for the benefit of the hospital should either be made from the general fund, or that the counties largely delinquent should be made to pay their share of expense according to the number of inmates committed by them.

DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTE.

Agreeably to the act of February 28th, 1881, appropriating sixteen thousand dollars for the erection of a building connecting the two wings already constructed and making appropriations

for other specific purposes, the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, after procuring plans and specifications as provided by law, and after due advertisement, awarded contract for the construction of said building on the 11th day of July, 1881, for the sum of fifteen thousand six hundred and fifty dollars. The building has been completed and is now used for dining room, chapel, school rooms, etc., and furnishes all the room necessary for the coming two years. The institution has been supplied with gas, heating apparatus, telephone, engine and machinery for the workshop, but is sadly in need of more furniture, a barn, engine house and other improvements, necessary for the safe keeping and protection of state property.

Your attention is respectfully called to the recommendations contained in the Superintendent's report.

INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND.

During the past two years there have been but few repairs and improvements made to this Institute. Arrangements have been made for a better water supply in case of fire, by placing a large iron tank in the attic with down pipes and hose attachments on each floor with sufficient capacity to flood the building in a few moments. The Institute Building and work shop were badly damaged by a wind storm on the afternoon of September 29th, 1881, when the work shop was unroofed and a portion of the gable end of the main building blown in. Fortunately, no personal injury was received by the inmates, and the damage was soon repaired under supervision of the superintendent. This Institute should be supplied with gas and steam heating facilities, estimates for which, with other repairs desired, have been made and appear in the Auditor's report.

REFORM SCHOOL.

The Legislature of 1881 having provided by general law for the care and custody of juvenile offenders at the Reform School located near Kearney, Nebraska, and having granted to the

Board of Public Lands and Buildings the power to provide for their instruction and appoint a superintendent, steward, teachers and other officers, the board did, on the 29th day of April, 1881, appoint Honorable George H. Collins superintendent of said school at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per year. The institution was formally opened in July, 1881 and at the present time is full to its utmost capacity. Had the law making appropriations for the transportation of persons convicted to serve sentences in the state penitentiary been construed by the courts to have covered the matter of expense in transporting juvenile offenders to the reform school, there is no question but what the institution would have been full within ninety days from its opening. As the matter now stands the expense of such transportation has been borne by counties, cities and villages making the commitments, without any authority of general law, as I understand the case.

In my opinion, the successful operation of the State Reform School is one of the important considerations that demand legislative attention. The fact that it is possible to take juvenile offenders from their haunts of vice and crime, commit them to a reformatory school, give them a good common school education and return them at maturity to good uses in society, is a matter that should receive the earnest attention of every legislator to whom these waifs must look for a useful life. I am instructed by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings to recommend the construction of another building or buildings sufficient to enlarge the capacity of the institution to at least one hundred and fifty inmates, and the appropriation of money sufficient to furnish and run the same when built.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Reference was made under the head of "Needed Legislation," to a desired change in the school land law regarding the forfeiture of contracts of long delinquent lessees and purchasers of school lands. Further, in this connection I desire to say, this

feature of the present law is not more objectionable than several others which I did not particularly mention. Considering that the law in question was framed and passed in 1877 before the organization of this department and before it was known just what was needed in the then emergency; that the business o this department has grown to almost wonderful proportions; that many complications arise and advantages are taken in the pnrchasing and leasing of school land prejudicial to the interests of the school land fund, it cannot be doubted that the present law is inadequate. Presuming that the more effectual way to secure the changes desired would be to present the matter to the coming Legislature in a manner for their intelligent action, I have concluded to arrange in proper form, a bill to be approved by the Board of Educational Lands and Funds, covering the whole matter, and submit it to the proper committee for their recommendation.

An examination of the tables in this report will show 274,-699.70 acres of educational lands leased during the past two years, with an estimated valuation of $824,099.10. The number of acres sold, 88,627, for the sum of $657,971.42, or an average of $7.42 per acre. Number of acres owned by the state November 30th, 1882, 2,582,366.65. The amount of interest bearing Educational Permanent Funds on hand November 30th, 1882, $2,329,059.07, of which amount $1,529,316.21 is represented by notes given for unpaid purchase price of lands sold. Of the 2,582,366.65 acres on hand November 30th, an examination of the records since the tables in this report were compiled shows 217,080 acres to be under contract of sale, 489,440 acres under contract of lease, leaving 1,872,846.65 acres vacant and subject to sale or lease after appraisement.

Before concluding this report I desire to call your attention to the successful operation of the several state institutions of which the Board of Public Lands and Buildings are the directing power. This success is largely due to those in immediate control. Appointed to their several positions by yourself, it is a matter for

congratulation by the people of the state, and especially of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, that the mantle has fallen upon those so eminently qualified to discharge the duties devolving upon them. During the past two years not a single complaint has been filed against the superintendents of the several institutions, and therefore, no investigations have been made by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings. This is exceedingly gratifying, considering it includes the charitable, reformatory and penal institutions.

In behalf of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, I desire to tender each and all of them the thanks that are due for their courtesy, efficiency and reliability in the several positions they so successfully fill.

It is a pleasant duty to make honorable mention of my corps of assistants who have industriously applied themselves in the service of the State. The fact that I am able to place this report of two years' business in your hands within three days from its close, is sufficient evidence of their efficiency and skill.

In conclusion, allow me to thank you for the uniform courtesy aud many acts of kindness shown me during the past two years while in the discharge of my official duty.

Respectfully submitted, A. G. KENDALL,

Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings.